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SUBJECT: EFFECTIVENESS OF UN EFFORTS TO COMBAT SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE IN UN PEACEKEEPING MISSION (ONUCI)

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[1](#)1. (SBU) Emboff met with UN Operations in Cote d'Ivoire (ONUCI) Human Rights Affairs and Code of Conduct Affairs Offices to discuss implementation of policies to combat sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA) and trafficking in persons (TIP). ONUCI officers indicated that ONUCI has a rigorous, written policy in place that explicitly bans engagement with prostitutes, engagement in any type of coercive sexual experience involving any sort of power imbalance, and all forms of human trafficking.

[1](#)2. (SBU) ONUCI officers said that UN policy in this area is rigorously enforced, and there is a specialized, two-person unit charged with investigating cases of alleged infractions of the SEA/TIP code. When concluded, cases are referred to the UN's office of SEA in NY for further review. While cases themselves remain confidential, officers revealed that several investigations have concluded with ONUCI personnel being stripped of their immunity in Cote d'Ivoire, sent home and subject to prosecution according to the contributing state's applicable legal provisions. Few such cases have occurred, though ONUCI personnel from Morocco and Pakistan were mentioned.

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